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## **News Release**

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### **Man sentenced for robbing banks in Arden Hills, Blaine**

A 52-year-old man was sentenced yesterday in federal court in connection with three bank robberies in Arden Hills and Blaine earlier this year.

United States District Court Judge Joan Ericksen sentenced John Russell Dyke, unknown address, to 58 months in prison and three years supervised release Aug. 26 in Minneapolis. Dyke was indicted April 8, and pleaded guilty on May 7.

According to his plea agreement, Dyke admitted that he did by force, violence and intimidation take United States currency from tellers at the TCF Bank in Blaine on Feb. 11, 2008 (\$4,010), at the TCF Bank in Arden Hills on Feb. 20 (\$2,020), and at the Premier Bank on March 4 (\$1,519).

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, Dyke allegedly entered the TCF Bank in Blaine on Feb. 11, and gave a note to a teller stating "I have a pistol. Give me \$10,000."

Following a similar method, Dyke allegedly robbed the TCF Bank in Arden Hills on Feb. 20, and the Premier Bank again on March 4. Following the March 4 robbery, a witness observed the robber leaving in a white pickup truck and wrote down the truck's license plate number. Police discovered the truck was registered to Dyke.

This case was the result of an investigation by the FBI and the Blaine Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Erika R. Mozangue.